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TO : Assistant Director for Operations

DATE: 9 June 1960

FROM : Chief, Foreign Documents Division

SUBJECT: FDD Monthly Progress Report - May 1960

1. The forthcoming reorganization of the Division was announced to FDD personnel on 17 May. This constitutes the first major reorganization of FDD since 1949. For practical reasons actual reorientation of operations and personnel will await our move to Matomic Building.

2. During the month the Division began phasing out its scheduled reporting program and moving into its planned program of documentary research on the Sino-Soviet Bloc. FDD serial reports on North Vietnam, Indonesia, North Africa, Africa South of the Sahara, and North Korea were discontinued. Required coverage of these areas will henceforth be provided by specific FDD studies or by selected JPRS translations.

The Division also planned a foreign press bulletin to present on a daily basis significant news on the Orbit not otherwise reported.

3. After the General Counsel's office had tapped other CIA sources with negative results, FDD was asked for any available data concerning unrest in the USSR and Satellites. A quick survey of USSR and Eastern Europe branch reports and of the CTS yielded several hundred pertinent items. Requested material was to provide grist for a speech by Senator Thomas J. Dodd of Connecticut.

4. On 13 May, Chief, FDD, and the AD/CR testified before the House Subcommittee on Science and Astronautics. Although the Subcommittee's purpose was to explore the progress and prospects of machine translation, considerable interest was shown in the relative efforts of the Soviets and the US in the exploitation of foreign publications.

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On 25 May, Chief, FDD, attended a demonstration of machine translation at the [] and was impressed by the progress achieved through [] practical approach. 25X1A

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[] conferred with the staff of the [] on 26 May regarding that company's development of machine translation of Chinese. [] with sufficient subsidizing, to produce acceptable machine translation within one year. [] FDD, Secretary of the Subcommittee on Machine Translation, are preparing a report on the proposal. 25X1A

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6. A meeting of representatives of CIA offices was informed by Chief, FDD, on 10 May, that their requirements for unclassified translation in the future would not be subject to established annual page quotas. This was accepted by all except ORR which requested, and was allotted, a guaranteed minimum quota of pages.

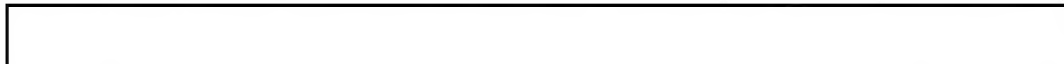
FDD is developing plans to expedite its classified translation service by responding to all such requirements on dictaphone tapes, excepting requirements for translation into foreign languages where the method is not applicable.

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10. A collection of articles by Russian "journalists" on the U-2 incident was published in Moscow on 18 May as a 190-page paper-back booklet, To the Pillory with the Aggressors (Agresserov k Pozornomy Stolbu). Received from SR/DD/P as a translation requirement on 26 May,

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1. Statistical Report
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